FOR MYSORE STATE

PUB(ELECTIONS)IV **(1954) Department.**

Ms No. SERIES.

G.O. NO.	1086	1086
Dated	13.7.54	15-7-54

[Despatch Abstract.]

Elections-Malabar district-Delimitation-Amindivi, Laccadive and Minicoy Islands-Formation of a separate Assembly constituency-Memorandum from Jamate-E-Jazeera, Kozhikode-Forwarded to Delimitation Commission, India Papers recorded.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. 22 1-FEB 1954 CHIEF SECRETARIAT

L.Dis.256/54

Malabar Collectorate,
Kozhikode dt.29.1.1954.

From

Sri N.D.D. Raghavachari I.C.S.,
Collector of Malabar, Kozhikode.

To

The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department, Madras.9.

Sir,

Islands-Laccadives-Amindivis and Minicoy-formation of a separate constituency-representation report-submitted.

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In paragraph 6 of the Memorandum dt.20.11.1953, submitted by the Secretary Jama-a-te Zareera to the Chief Minister and forwarded to me with the Government endt.No.138021.F/53-1(Tr.Dept) dt.5.12.1953 it has been represented that the West Coast islands should be formed into a separate constituency. An extract of the memorandum containing the representation is enclosed.

2. The West Coast islands consist of ten islands, five attached to the Malabar district and five to the South Kanara district for administrative purposes. The names of the islands attached to each district, their area in square miles, Population as per 1951 census and the total number of voters as per the latest figures available are furnished below:-

Names of islands.		Area in square miles.	Population as per 1951 Census	Total voters as per latest figures available
Malabar Dt.	Androth Agathy Minicoy Kalpeni Kavarathy	7	12782	2201
S.Kanara District.	Ammeni Kadamat Kiltan Chetlat Bitra	3	7403 1195	3271

3. The West coast islands are included in the Chowayur assembly constituency. In view of the difficulties on account of the explained in the memorandum, the representation seems to deserve consideration-

Para 6:- Our sixth demand is regarding our constituency, . At present we are tacked on to Chevayur Sirka in Malabar. This is an injustice to the islanders. No islander can hope of getting himself elected to the Assembly, because we are dominated by Chevayur Sirka. An outsider getting elected may not take any interest for our welfare. So our sixth demand is that we the people of Laccadive Amindivi and Minicoy numbering about thirty thousand should be constituted into a separate constituency, considering our special needs and peculiar circumstances.

(True extract)

for Collector

Department of Industries, Labour and Cooperation
U.O.Note.No.11589.K/54-2 dated 25---2---1954

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Sub: L.A.Question (Starred) No.153 - Representation from the islanders of Laccadives - Remarks of the Collector - particulars for incorporation in the draft answer and for answering supplementaries.

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Copy of Legislative Assembly Question No.153(Starred) together with an extract of the representation received from the inhabitants of the Laccadive islands referred to therein and the remarks of the Collector of Malabar thereon may be communicated to Public Works Department/Public Health, Education, Local Administration Departments and they may be requested to offer their remarks very urgently and furnish necessary information for answering the question and possible supplementaries.

S. Sankaralinga Doss,
Assistant Secretary to Government

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
28FEB 1954
CHIEF SECRETARIAT

To

Public Works Department (with encl)
Public Department (")
Health, Education, Local Administration Department (with en

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Copy of Madras Legislature (Assembly) Sectt. starred Question No.153 by Sri A. Ratnam.

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Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state:

a) the nature of grievances of the inhabitants of the Laccadive Islands and the State aid demanded by them in the represenatation received by the Government from them in November 1953; and

b) the population of the Islands?

(true Copy)

Superintendent 27/1/54

Memorandum submitted to the Chief Minister, Madras by one Jama-at-E.Jazeera which represents the people of Laccadive Islands and Minicoy.

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6. Our sixth demand is regarding our constitutency. At present we are tacked on to Chevayur Firka in Malabar. This is an injustice to the islanders. No islander can hope of getting himself elected to the Assembly, because we are dominatedby Chevayoor Firka. An outsider getting electedmay not take any interest for our welfare. So our sixth demand is that we the people of Laccadive, Amindivi and Minicoy islands numbering about thirty thousand should be constituted into a separate constituency, considering our special needs anddpeculiar circumstances.

/true copy/

Extract from the Malabar Collector's letter dated 8.2.54

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I haveexamied the question of forming a separate constituency with reference to therepresentation made by the islanders and I have submitted my report in my L.Dis. 3536/54 dated 28.1.54 submitted to Secretary to Government, Public Department.

/true extract/

Superintendent 27/1/54

27/1/54

PUBLIC (ELECTIONS) DEPARTME

U.O.Note No. 22\54-1 Dated 13.3.54

Sub: L.A.Q. (Starred) No.153 - Representation from islanders of Laccadives - Delimitation - Madra Legislative Assembly Constituencies - Laccadiv and Minicoy Islands - Formation of a separate constituency.

Ref: U.O. Note from I.L.&.C. Department, No.11589.K dated 25-2-54.

With reference to their U.O. Note cited, a note is pended furnishing necessary material for answering the tion and possible supplementaries, so far as the above s is concerned. A copy of the letter from the Collector Malabar, No.L.Dis.3536/54, dated 28-1-54 referred to in ~~general~~ second extract enclosed with the U.O. Note cited is en herewith. No action was taken on that letter as the ma is one for the consideration of the Delimitation Commis India. A copy of the representation is, however, being warded to the Delimitation Commission, India for inform

2. The I.L.&.C. Dept. ~~is~~ are requested to circulate th draft answer to M.(F.&.E.) also for approval.

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A P E N D I X.

NOTE:

Under the existing delimitation of Assembly constitu cies, the ~~Chevayur constituency consists of the Chevayur~~ west coast islands of Amindivi, Laccadive and M are included in the Chevayur ~~firka~~ Constituency which inc ~~firka of Kozhikode taluk and the west coast islands of Am~~ in addition, the Chevayur firka of Kozhikode taluk. ~~viz Laccadive and Minicoy.~~ It is a single-member constitu and ~~the name of~~ the M.D.A. representing the constituency Sri A. Appu, No 16/124 - Annie Hall Road, Kozhikode-2 The 1951 census population figures of these islands is 21,035.

2. Under Article 170 (4) of the Constitution, upon th completion of each census, the representation of the sever territorial constituencies in the Legislative Assembly of each State shall be readjusted by ~~such~~ such authority, in such manner and with effect from such date as Parliament may by l determine:

Provided that such readjustment shall not affect ~~repr~~

representation in the Legislative Assembly until the dissolution of the then existing Assembly.

3. Accordingly the Delimitation Commission, India which was set up by the Delimitation Commission Act, 1952 has fixed the total number of seats for the State Leggislative Assembly at 245. ~~The number of seats allotted to the Malabar District is 33 seats, of which 29 are general seats, 3 for Scheduled Castes and 1 for Scheduled Tribes.~~ The actual assignment of these seats among the several territorial ~~constituencies~~ constituencies has not yet been done. The principles to be followed by the Delimitation Commission in allotting seats among the several constituencies are as follows:-

(i) all constituencies shall be either single-member constituencies or two-member constituencies;

(ii) wherever practicable, seats may be reserved for the scheduled castes or for the scheduled tribes in single-member constituencies;

(iii) in every two-member constituency, one seat shall be reserved either for the scheduled castes or for the scheduled tribes, and the other seat shall not be so reserved;

(iv) constituencies in which a seat is reserved either for the scheduled castes or for the scheduled tribes shall, as far as practicable, be located in areas in which the population of the scheduled castes or, as the case may be, of the scheduled tribes is ~~not~~ most concentrated but in regard to scheduled castes, care should be taken to distribute the reserved seats in different areas of the State; and

(v) all constituencies shall, as far as practicable, consist of geographically compact areas, and in delimiting them, regard shall be had to physical features existing boundaries of administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience.

The Delimitation Commission's proposals in the matter will be published, and ~~on receipt of~~ after considering the criticisms and suggestions of the public (Hearing) the proposals will be finalised.

4. A copy of the representation in question is being sent to the Delimitation Commission for information. The memorialists may be advised to address the Delimitation Commission, India in the matter when it publishes its proposals for public criticism and suggestions. ~~This~~

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Letter No: 22/54-2(1) Dated 18.3.54

To,

The Secretary,
Delimitation Commn., India,
No-2, Prithviraj Road,
New Delhi (WE).

Sir,

Sub: Delimitation - Madras Legislative Assembly Constituencies - Representation from islanders of Laccadive Amindivi & Minicoy Islands.
Copy forwarded.

I am directed to forward herewith (for information and necessary action) a copy of the representation d/. 20.11.53, from the Jama-At-E-Jamaat in which ~~represents~~ the people of Laccadive

Amindevi)
and Minicoy islands in this State, for
forming a Separate Assembly Constituency
for the islands.

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No. 52/5/53

DELIMITATION COMMISSION,
INDIA.

2, PRITHVI RAJ ROAD,
NEW DELHI-2.

Dated the 24th March, 19

From

Shri P.K. Hanumantha Rao,
Assistant Secretary.

To

The Secretary,
JAMAT-E-JAZEERA,
Silk Street,
Kozhikode, District Malabar,
MADRAS STATE.

Subject:-Delimitation of parliamentary and Assembly constituencies in - Madras.

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Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum, dated the 20th November, 1953, addressed to the Chief Minister, Madras and to invite reference to section 8(3) of the Delimitation Commission Act, 1952, under which the proposals of the Commission, in regard to the delimitation of constituencies will, in due course, be published in the Gazette of India and the official Gazette of the State concerned for public criticism. In response to such publicatior you may send your objections and suggestions, if any, for the consideration of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(P.K. HANUMANTHA RAO)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Copy forwarded for information to the Deputy Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public (Elections) Department, Fort St. George, Madras, with reference to his letter No.22/54-5.6a dated the 18th March, 1954.

Madras 24.3.54

(P.K. HANUMANTHA RAO)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

L.Dis.551/55

Malabar Collector's office,
Kozhikode dt.8.1.1955

From

Sri V.V. Subramanian I.C.S.,
Collector of Malabar, Kozhikode.

To

The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department, Madras.9.

Sir,

Islands - Laccadives - Amindivis and Minicoy formation of a separate constituency - representation - report-submitted.

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I enclose an extract from the memorandum submitte to the Governor of Madras during his recent tour in the West Coast islands, by the Jama-ate Jazeera Branch, Kalpeni island (Laccadive) representing that the West Coast islands should be formed into a separate constituency. A similar representation made by the Secretary Jama-ate-Jazeer on 20.11.1953. to the Chief Minister was forwarded to me with the Government Endt. No.138821-K/53-1 (I.L.C.Dept.) dated 5.12.1953 and a report was submitted to the Government in the matter in my L.Dis.3356/54.dt.28.1.1954(copy enclosed). There is no chang in the details furnished in the above report except in respect of the total number of voters. The total number of voters in the islands as per the latest figures available are as shown below:-

Name of district.	Name of islands.	Total voters as per latest figures available.
Malabar	Androth	
	Agathy	
	Minicoy	
	Kalpeni	
	Kavarathy	
S.Kanara	Ammeni	
	Kadamat	
	Kiltan	
	Chetlat	
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The West Coast islands are at present included in the Chevayur Assembly constituency. In the final order No.17 dt.22.9.54 of the Delimitation Commission India also they are included in the Chevayur Assembly Constituency the representation of islands deserves favourable consideration and I recommend it.

For Collector

Extract from the Memorandum submitted to Sri Prakash, Governor of Madras by the Jamaith-E-Jazeera Branch Kalpeni Island (Laccadive).

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Para 8. We would also point out that at present we are tacked on to Chevayur Firka in Malabar. This is an injustice to the islanders. No islander can hope of getting elected to the assembly because we are dominicated by Chevayur firka. An outsider getting elected may not take any interest for our welfare. So, we the people of Laccadive, Amenideevi and Minicoy islands numbering about 30 thousand should be constituted into a separate constituency considerin out special needs and peculiar circumstances.

(True extract)

3/3 For Collector

Copy of Collector's L.Dis.3356/54.dt.28.1.54. to the Dy. Secretary to Govt.(P(E)Dept.Madras.9.

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Sir,

Islands - Laccadives, Amindivis and Minicoy- formation of a separate constituency-representation report-submitted.

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1) Malabar Dt.	Androth Agathy Minicoy Kalpeni Kavarathy	7	13792	820
2. S.Kanara Dt.	Ammeni Kadamat Kiltan Chetlat Bitra	3	7403	3871

The West Coast islands are included in the Chevayur Assembly constituency . In view of the difficulties on account of this explained in the memorandum the representations seems to deserve consideration.

Sd....
For Collector

(True copy)

For Collector

Public (Elec.IV) Dept.

Please see the letter and its enclosures from the Collr. of Malabar on pp. 1-5 ante. As regards the request of the Jama-ate Jazeera Branch, for the formation of the West Coast Island into a separate Assembly Constituency, it is submitted that thi Govt. can do nothing in the matter. The D.C. India has alread issued its final order in the matter. At the Public sittings the D.C. at Coimbatore at the beginning of June 1954 a represen tion on the subject was presented by Jamaath - E - Jazeera to Commission - vide pp. 169-171 of (K). The Commission would ha considered this representation before the issue of final orders No.action is, therefore, called for here. ~~May~~ No objection may be added to the ~~papers~~ at (L) (G.O. Ms. No. 1086, dated 15-7-1954).

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A.S (E)

Please see the letter and its Encls. from the Collr. of Malabar on pp 1- 3 ante. The demand of the Jama At- E. Jazeera, of Laccadive Islands, for Constituting a Separate Assembly Constituency for the Laccadive and Minicoy Islan has already been examined and decided that the islands having a population of 21,035 cannot be constituted into a Separate Constituency. Please see the note on pp 1-2 nf. of (Y). Hence no further action is called for on the report of the Collr. This may also be lodged and added to the previous pp. at (Y). after perusal by D.E & C. Deptt.

7.2.54

8/2/54

S.O. (E)
D.E & C.

As ordered by D.S. above, a revised note is submitted below for approval.

10.2.54

10/2/54.

A | Put up a copy of the representation if not yet available in the file.

B | Is there anywhere to be civil administration of the Islands? Which dept is concerned with this civil admn: Revenue or D.E.&C. or what Minister dept?

11/2/54

Ref: Queries of D.S. above.

A above: A copy of the presentation is put up at (Y).

B above: Demand (3) in the memorandum is about

appointment of a R. D. O. for the island Probably D.S. thinks of this ~~a~~ Requ for the appointment of R. D. O. as the Chief Administrator.

'C' above: As Rev. deptt. is concerned with the Rev. administration of this State, the file may be transfd to D. L. & C. Deptts. the Rev.

B 22.2.54 Please put up the papers (Y) referred to on page 1 ante and the orgl of the D.L. deptt. Endt. referred to on page 1 of. below.

(E) 23/2/54

The original of the pp. put up at (Y) referred to on p. 1 ante are put up at (F). It is informally ascertained from D. L. & C. Deptt. that the endt. referred to on p. 1 of was the one sent to the Collr. of Malabar in original.

2. Please also see the subsequent U.O. note from D. L. and C. Deptt. and its enclosures on ff. 5-7 ante. A revised note is submitted for approval. A copy of the note may be sent to D. L. & C. Deptt. for necessary action. After-issue Hdqrs. may be added to those at (F).

3.3.54 3/2/54 A copy of the Memorandum at (Y) has been sent to Revenue deptt. direct by the P.W. deptt. Revenue will, no doubt, take action so far as the opt of an R.D.O. is concerned. It does not seem necessary to transfer the letter on ff. 1-3 of the Rev. deptt, especially as the Collr. has made no mention about the Revenue administration in that letter.

2. As regards the D.L.C. deptt's U.O. note and its enclosures on ff. 5-7 ante, a copy of this letter on ff. 1-3 of may be sent to Revenue

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the existg Scheme & delimitation may be explained and it may be stated that under the revised delimitation proposals, Malabar is entitled to so many seats, that the actual delimitation of constituencies will be done by the Delimit. Commn India and that they are expected to visit this State shortly for the purpose. The memorialists may be advised to represent to the Delimit. Commn. their case at the appropriate time. The note below may be modified suitably; especially, the portion within [ ] brackets on page 2 of the note should be omitted, as the proposals, though framed by us, are being treated as the office proposals of the Delimit. Commn and should not, therefore, be made public in advance.

5/3/54

6.3.54

D.O.(E)

W. r. t. the orders above, a revised note is submitted for approval.

2. Orders at A above. Action is being taken separately in the file containing the proposals for the Malabar Dt.

3.3.54.

8/3/54. A reply is due to I. & C. dept. with ref. to their U.O. note on page 5 ante. Recast the note below in the form of a U.O. note and put up.

9/3/54

As ordered above a draft U.O. note is submitted below for approval.

10.3.54.

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The material for answering the question and possible supplementaries may go in the form of an annexure to the U.O. note. Please revise the draft U.O. note accordingly, as indicated.

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W. r. t. the orders of A.S. at Σ on p. 3 ante. the draft lle. note, revised as indicated, is submitted for approval. 12/3/54

2. After issue the pp. may be added to those at (F). may be kept open for some more time. kal 13/3/54 to 12/3/54

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A.S.(E) AS DS(E)

[Issued as lle. Nota. No. 22/54-1, d/. 13.3.54]. pp 3.4 cb

Extract of Notes from Public (Elections-IV) Department Fil bearing C.No.22/54.

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A copy of the Memorandum at (Y) has been sent to Revenue Department direct by the P.W. Dept. Revenue will, no doubt, take action so far as the appt. of a R.D.O. is concerned. It does not seem necessary to transfer the letter on pp.1-3 cf. to the Rev. dept., especially as the Collr. has made no mention about the Revenue administration in that letter.

2.As regards the I.L.C. Deptl's U.O. Note and its enclosure on pp.5-7 cf., a copy of the Collr.'s lr. on pp.1-3 cf. may be sent to them. The existing scheme of delimitation may be explained and it may be stated that under the revised delimitation proposals, Malabar is entitled to so many seats, that the actual delimitation of constituencies will be done by the Delimitation Commission, India and that they are expected to visit this State shortly for the purpose. The memorialists may be advised to represent to the Delimitation Commission their case at the appropriate time. The note below may be modified suitably; especially, the portion within ( ) brackets in para 2 of the note should be omitted, as the proposals, though framed by us, are being treated as the office proposals of the Delimitation Commission and should not, therefore, be made public in advance.

D.J.
5-3-54.

I agree

M.A.S.
6-3-54.
D.S.(E)

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w. r. t. the orders of D.S. at A above, a draft letter is submitted for approval. After issue the pp. will be added to the main file and the file returned.

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16/3. D.S. (E)

C No. 22/54 Elns

pp. 5-6 of
p. 7 of. [

[Issued as Lr. No 22/54-A, dated 18.3.54
[from the Delimitation Commn. India. Copy
of Lr. No. 52/5/53, d/. 24.3.54]

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The copy of letter from the Delimitation Commn. India on p. 7 of is submitted for perusal. No action is called for. W.r.t. orders of A.S. in the margin and the file may be kept open for some time. (I.R.D. 10-5-54).

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S.S./(E)

Pl. see the orders above. The file may now be closed as no further communication has been received so far and the subject action is pending in this field.

Record the papers in a Ms. G.O. for facility of future reference.

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G.O. Ms. No: 1086 d/. 15.7.54

Malabar dt. – delimitation – Elections – Delimitation of Amindivi, Laccadive and Minicoy parliamentary and Assembly constituencies – Formation of a separate parliamentary or Assembly constituency – 1951 Census population figures – Malabar dt. – Memorandum from Jamat-E-Tazeera, Kozhikode – for the West Coast Islands into separate constituency for West Coast Islands – Papers recorded.

W.r.t. the orders of A.S. above the pp. may be recorded as a Ms. G.O.

18.6.54
21/6/54.

Has the L.A.Q. on page 7 of been answered?

21/6/54

Subd: It is informally ascertained from P.L.D.C. Deptt. that the L.A.Q. on p. 7 of was answered on 13.5.54.

3. It is now for orders whether the pp. may be recorded as a Ms. G.O.

ability of future reference

(7)

MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO THE CHIEF MINISTER, MADRAS BY THE JAMA-AT-E.JAZEER WHICH REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF LACCADIVE ISLANDS AND MINICOY. DATED.

We submit that the Laccadive Achripelago has never been a penal settl ment. But Andaman Islands were a penal settlement. However, the people of these islands are now well looked after by the Government. They have got a good sea-port and ships go to Port Blair once a week. It is understood that they will soon have an airport as well. But our case is much different. We are still plying our country crafts of pre-historic days. We have no steamer service. We have brought this fact to the notice of the Government by various memoranda in 1949, 1951 and 1952 through several Organisations. In.recognition of our repeated requests the Government deputed Sri S.Y. KRISHNASWAMY, I.C.S., for investigating and suggesting how to improve the islands. We understand that he submitted a detailed report to the Government in 1952 recommending severa improvements. But we are sorry to state.that his report has so far not seen the light of the day and that his recommendations are shelved. Our first request is that all the recommendations made by him should be implemented immediately and urgently.

2. We shall again narrate some of our requirements here:--

(1) We are included among the scheduled tribes. But we are not getting any of the amenities given to other members of the Scheduled Tribes. There was a special Development Commission for Rayalaseema which was a backward region. Similarly a Development Commission should be appointed to the Laccadives and Minicoy till they are brought on a part with the mainland. There is a special Deputy Collector for Kallar Reclamation in Madurai. Kallars were of course backward. We are more backward. But no special Deputy Collector is appointed to reclaim us. There are many more instances to show that we have been neglecte so far. So our second demand is that a special Development Commission should be immediately and urgently appointed to the Laccadives and Minicoy as a short term measure till the Developments are completed.

(2) Our third demand is immediate introduction of steamer service to the islands. The Government should take the initiative in this matter, because the islanders at present are not rich enough to purchase a ship. The Government should either purchase a ship or float a company with the majority of the shares for the Government and the rest divided among both the people of the islar and the mainland and the company should start the service. There should be no hesitation that this would be uneconomical. We understand that the Government is deriving about 20 lakhs of rupees per year from the coir monopoly from the islands. We are requesting this benefit atleast out of this profit namely, starting a steamer service to the islands. We are an integral part of the Indian Union and we have got the claim to be as well looked after as any other section of the people of our Republic of India.

(3) Our Fourth demand is that the Constitution framed for the whole of India should be brought into force to the islands. At present we are governed by a set of regulations made in 1912. When the world has progressed so much in all fields of activities, we have been still kept in 1912. These regulations should be immediately scrapped and the constitution should be made applicable to our islands with all its attendant civil liberties and other benefits. An out-dated model of an antideluvian Government is at present ruling the islands. All the powers are crammed into his hands and as such there is no efficiency or even a systematic Government. So our fourth demand is that this AMIN system should be immediately abolished and our islands should be constituted into a Revenue division under a Revenue Divisional Officer. This is a long term measure as against the short term one mentioned previously.

(4) Our fifth demand is about education. We have not got even higher elementary schools in our islands. About 200 boys and girls are taught only by two teachers. Our schools should be raised immediately to the status of Middle Schools and gradually to High Schools. Only a few students can come to the mainland for higher education. These students have no fixed place of bearir and lodging. So the Government should run a hostel for the benefit of the students coming from the islands. Our students submitted a Memorandum to the Educational Minister on 15-8-1952 through out M.L.A. Sri A. Appu requesting him to sanction the lodging grants for our students. But, unfortunately no action seems to have been taken on it so far.

Amindive and Minicoy islands numbering about thirty thousand should be constituted into a separate constituency, considering our special needs and peculiar circumstances.

(6) Our seventh x demand is regarding public health. Some of the island have no Doctors. Even serious cases have to be brought to the mainland for treatment in the country crafts. There are several kinds of diseases prevail in the islands. Officers of the Medical and Public Health should be deputed investigate the causes of such diseases and eradicate them.

3. If all our demands are to be catelogued it will be a big list. we are at present requesting the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madras to pay speci attention to these seven urgent matters mentioned above, implement the suggest made therein and improve the status of our lands which are strategic in peace and will be still more so in times of war.

Secretary,
JAMaT-E-JaZEERA,
Silk Street, Kozhikode.

(TRUE COPY)